

**Twenty First Sunday
In Ordinary Time
YEAR C**

SUNDAY August 25 2013

'Are we there yet?'

Rejection is never easy to accept. This is the basis for why peer group pressure among adolescents is so strong a force in their lives – they want to belong. Being fired from a job is more than losing salary; it is a rejection – that our work is not adequate or our talents are not needed nor appreciated. Broken friendships are painful – especially when one loses interest and simply does not bother to be in touch with the other. It is probably impossible to go through life and not experience some kind of rejection; it seems to be part of how we humans relate. This Sunday's gospel speaks of a much more painful and lasting rejection – those who are not admitted to eternal life.

What is required for salvation? We must walk with Jesus to Jerusalem! Like Jesus, we too will meet opposition; we too must die to ourselves in self-giving to others. Alone, this is a daunting task. But we are not alone; Jesus is with us to support us and give us strength. We need only keep close to him. We need only keep our eyes on him rather than count the cost.

Usually parents barely have begun a long trip with the children when they begin the chant, 'Are we there yet?' Sometimes this is our chant, too, on our life journey. We want the dying to be over. We want the eternal new life which comes from knowing who Jesus is and being faithful to him. In God's good time that will come. In the meantime, we are to walk with him to Jerusalem.

Part of discipleship is to be faithful to the everyday 'plodding' of our life journey. If we try and rush it we will miss opportunities – graced moments which bring us closer to salvation. Discipleship requires consistent and faithful decisions so that Jesus gets to 'know us' on the way. Then we are invited to be his guest at his table. Then we find ourselves numbered among the first. More is required for salvation than eating and drinking – ultimately, we must share in Jesus' passion and death by eating and drinking his Body and Blood now.

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Sunday Mass
7.00 am
8:30 am

Weekday Mass
Monday -7.00am
Wednesday-7.00am

Guardian Angels' Church
99 Scarborough St
Southport

Saturday
6.00pm
Sunday Mass
7.00 am
10.00 am

Weekday Mass
Friday - 9.00am
Gold Coast Show
Public Holiday
Reconciliation
Saturday - 4.30pm

Mary Immaculate Church
31 Edmund Rice Drive
Ashmore

Sunday Mass
8:30 am & 6.00pm

Korean Mass
Sunday 3.00pm
Every last Saturday 6pm
Tuesday 7pm

Weekday Mass
Tuesday - 9.00am
Thursday - 5.30pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION 2013



Children who received Confirmation and First Eucharist in 2012 or before are invited to register to begin preparation for Reconciliation. Preparation gatherings will start in October so please contact Sister Helen at helenw@scp.org.au Before Friday, September 13.

ONE DAY RETREAT FOR MARRIED COUPLES

The Gold Coast Team for Marriage Spirituality is holding a day of retreat and reflection at St Brigid's Nerang on Sunday, September 29.

The day will begin with participants attending the Parish Mass at 8.30am celebrated by parish priest Father Rafal Ruciniski, who is also the spiritual Counselor for the Gold Coast Team.

The Gold Coast team extends an invitation to any couple who would like to join them for this spiritual opportunity.

Couples will be guided through the day by Sue Thomas, the Pastoral Associate at Surfers Paradise.

Lunch will be provided and a donation of \$10 would be appreciated. The day will conclude at 3.00pm.

Bookings: Sue and Bren Milsom, 55 224 880, 0409 718 139 or email milsom@iinet.net.au

HOW FAITH ENRICHES LIFE

The Church never takes faith for granted, but knows that this gift of God needs to be nourished and reinforced so that it can continue to guide her pilgrims way. The Second Vatican Council enabled the light of faith to illumine our human experience from within, accompanying the men and women of our time on their journey. It clearly showed how faith enriches life in all its dimensions.

Pope Francis June 29 2013

HOW DOES MARY COOPERATE IN THE DIVINE PLAN FOR SALVATION?

By the grace of God Mary was kept from every personal sin her whole life long. She is the one who is "full of grace" (Luke 1:28) "the all holy". When the angel announced to her that she would give birth to "the Son of the Most High" (Luke 1:32) She freely gave herself entirely to the person and work of her Son Jesus, espousing wholeheartedly the divine will regarding salvation.

EXPOSITION-BENEDICTION and ROSARY

Sunday, September 8, at Guardian Angels Church, Southport from 11.30am



You are all invited to celebrate Mother Mary's birthday with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Benediction and a Rosary.



There will be fellowship over a light lunch. Please call or text Len Amores on 0438 724 053 for catering purposes.

FLOURISH ARTS FESTIVAL 2013

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Are you creative? Are you musical? Or an artist? Do you prefer to work with clay, paint, glass, words, movement, or another medium? Whatever your passion, whatever your interest—there's a place for you at the "Flourish Arts Festival" to be held on:

Saturday, September 28, 8.00am to 4.00pm at "The Great Lawn" Broadwater Parklands, Marine Parade, Southport.

Many spaces are available for you or your group to display your work. The festival will consist of: * Art and Craft market * Group displays Art growth and healing workshop * Art demonstrations

* Live performances * Children's activities * Food stalls * Chapel

Register your interest on line at:

www.flourishartsfestival.weebly.com or collect a registration form from the table at the back of the church, and post to Southport Uniting Church, 23 Short Street, Southport 4215. Registrations close August 30, 2013.

PARISH BUS TRIP

To Toowoomba for the Carnival of Flowers Thursday, September 19.

A few seats left on the second bus. Be quick.

Phone Pat on 55395849

Tickets will be available for collection at all Masses next weekend.

SOUTHPORT PARISH BOOK CLUB

There are only **two** places left in the new book club.

BE QUICK and secure your place.

The club meets on the first Monday of each month between 10.00am and 12 noon.

In the meeting room at Mary Immaculate Commencing Monday, September 2

Call Carol on 0414 281 647 to secure your place



MAINTENANCE TO MISSION

NEW EVANGELISATION

OPEN WIDE THE DOORS TO CHRIST

So much to offer—so much to receive

Join Archbishop Mark Coleridge in exploring our call to mission, to share our encounter with Christ by opening the doors of our hearts to others.

SEMINAR: Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters. Wednesday September 4, 7.00pm to 8.30pm

WORKSHOP: Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters Wednesday, September 18, 7.00pm to 9.00pm

MARIAN VALLEY CANUNGRA

Celebrate Our Lady's Birthday on Saturday, September 7 and Fatima Day Friday, September 13, at Marian Valley Canungra. Bus will leave Sacred Heart Church, 50 Fairways Drive, Clear Island Waters at 8.15am on both days. For bookings please call Viviane on 55 359 623.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



On Sunday, September 29. at the 8.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate, Ashmore, we will be having a special blessing for those celebrating a significant Wedding Anniversary, any time during 2013. If it is your

1st, 10th, 25th, 50th, 60th Wedding

Anniversary this year, please contact Sr Elisabeth at the Parish Office on 55 102 222 or email lis@scp.org.au The Parish would love to share in your celebrations.

SECULAR FRANCISAN ORDER

WHAT WAS FRANCIS' MESSAGE?

Francis wished that his whole life would point to Christ. His whole person became the message he was trying to Communicate. **WHAT WAS THAT MESSAGE?**

IT WAS JESUS. Overwhelmed by the love of our heavenly Father in giving us His Son Jesus as our brother, a brother to all, Francis accepted all with dignity and simplicity as brothers and sisters of Christ. He was therefore a man of **PEACE**, a man of **POVERTY**, a man who **LOVED AND PROTECTED ALL OF GOD'S CREATURES**. Following Francis is one particular way of living the Christian life. Secular Franciscans are called to contemplate the **WORD** and apply it to their daily life, **GOING FROM GOSPEL TO LIFE, AND LIFE TO GOSPEL.**

The next Fraternity Meeting is Wednesday, August 28, 12.30pm to 3.30pm, Infant Saviour Meeting room, Park Road, Burleigh Heads. All most welcome.



Today we welcome into God's Family

Patrick Brian O'Keeffe

Matthew John O'Keeffe

James Peter Chong

Audrey North

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THOSE WHO HAVE JOURNEYED TO THE FATHER.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Nancy Brown.

ANNIVERSARY: Kathleen Healy, Norah Baker, Willy Kloser, Paul Guillaumier., Andrew Joseph and William Kerwin.

ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED: Marie Stevenson, Natasha Byrne, Ron and Evelyn Martinac, Laurie, Emelita and Adam Woodley, Mathew Byrne, Caroline Pember, Michael Skinner, Tim, Tracy and Vicki Howard, Angela Taylor, Gary Burdett, Maureen Bengtson, Janice Keating, Christopher Lewis, Zenaida Irisary, Joan Smith, Joan Martin, Marie Allen, Colette Shevlin, Cyndy Fenner-Smith, Sam D'Abreo, Robert Perren, Fay James, Eddie Walters, Jack Keniry, Lee Henry, Ann Hammond, Olive Shannon, Ed Hands, Yvonne See, Gary O'Connell, Ross McAlpine, Jim Cliffe, Bong Ubaldo, Gie Ubaldo, Tanie Ubaldo, Vickey Smith, Babes Valenzuela,

Lord Grant your people protection and grace. Give them health of mind and body. Amen

FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, August 27 St Monica

Monica, the mother of St Augustine, was born of Christian parents in North Africa. She married a pagan, Patritius, who became a Christian before death. As a young man, Augustine was wayward and lazy. She followed her son to Rome and then to Milan, praying for his conversion. She was consoled with the words, 'the child of those tears shall never perish'. In Milan, she had joy of seeing Augustine baptized. She died at Ostia on their way back to Africa.

Thursday, Passion of St John the Baptist

Herod Antipas, Tetrarch of Perea and Galilee, had John imprisoned when he denounced Herod's adulterous marriage with Herodias, wife of his half brother Philip. John was beheaded at the request of Salome, daughter of Herodias, who asked for his head at the instigation of her mother. John is presented in the New testament as the last of the Old Testament prophets and the Precursor of the Messiah. From the very beginning John paved the way for Jesus.

Saturday, August 28 St Augustine

Augustine is the most significant theologian of the Patristic era and one of the most important theologians in church history. After a time of moral laxity, he was converted at the age of 33 when hearing a child's voice singing 'Tolle lege!' (Take up and read), he began to read scripture. He made major contributions in theology in relation to God, free will, salvation, the church, and the end of time. One of his reflections was: 'Our hearts were made for you, O Lord, and they shall not rest until they rest until in you.'

WORTH A SMILE

An unmarried guy decides life would be more fun if he had a pet. So he goes to the pet shop looking for something a bit unusual. He finally settles on a talking centipede, the kind that really does have a hundred legs. The next day being Sunday, he decides to take the centipede to church. He goes up to the little centipede box and says, "Would you like to go to church with me today?" There's no answer. A few minutes later he tries again. "How about going to church with me?" after a few minutes, he says, more urgently. "Are you coming? A tiny, bug like voice comes out of the box. "I heard you the first time! I'm putting on my shoes."

PUBLIC HOLIDAY REMINDER

Parishioners are reminded that next Friday, August 30 is a Public Holiday for Gold Coast Show.

Mass will be celebrated at 9.00am at Guardian Angels and not at 12.30pm

PARISH DATE CLAIMERS FOR 2013

1st & 3rd Thursday, each month Lectio Divina Cenacles 6-7pm Mary Immaculate Church Library.

First Sunday of each month, Morning Tea at the "Annex" after 8.30am Mass at St Joseph the Worker, Labrador.

Each First and Third Sunday of the Month, 11.30am

Charismatic prayer Meeting, Guardian Angels Church.

Sunday, **August 25**, CWL Cake Stall, after 8.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate.

Sunday, **September 1**, Fathers Day

Thursday, **September 19**, Parish Bus trip to Toowoomba for Carnival of Flowers. Cost \$50.

Sunday, **September 29**, Wedding Anniversary Celebrations 8.30 Mass, Mary Immaculate.

Thursday, **October 31**, Ministers Commissioning Mass 5.30pm Mary Immaculate.

Thursday, **November 14**, Memorial Mass, 5.30pm Mary Immaculate.

Friday, **December 6**, Parish Christmas BBQ

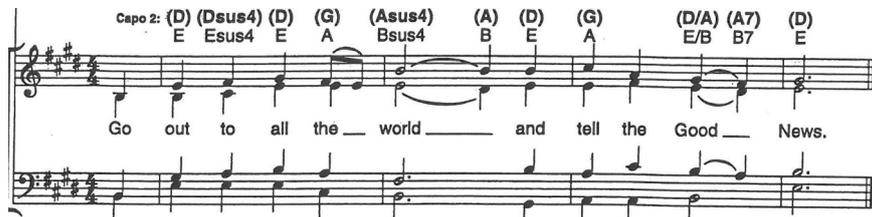
NEWS FROM OUR MUSICAL PLAYGROUP

The Parish Playgroup continues to be a thriving, happy ministry on Thursday mornings. At the moment the group is full with 25 families, and a waiting list in place. They have enough little toys donated and are now seeking bigger things such as coffee tables or cubbyhouse/dolls house. Each week some parish news is conveyed to the group and they have supported two charities so far, Angels Kitchen and The Cancer Council. Any parishioner is welcome if they wish to join there Hospitality Team, or just pop in to the Resource Centre any Thursday and visit for a coffee to meet some members. In the words of Pope Francis last month:

"We cannot keep ourselves shut up in parishes, in our communities when so many people are waiting for the Gospel. It's not enough simply to open the door in welcome, but we must go out and meet the People,"

On Thursday, September 5, from 10.00am to 11.00am the Playgroup has a guest Speaker, Fe Taylor, Personal Trainer and Health Advocate, Talking about Fitness and Healthy Eating for Parents and Children. All welcome. To register your interest contact Theresa Vossen on 0423 743 616 or email ctvossen@me.com Gold Coin Donation.

HYMNS



GATHER US IN

Here in this place new light is streaming,
Now is the darkness vanished away,
See in this space our fears
and our dreamings
Brought here to You in the light
of this day.

Chorus 1

**Gather us in the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in the blind and the lame;
Call to us now and we shall awaken,
We shall arise at the sound
of our name.**

Verse 2

We are the young our lives are a mystery,
we are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all
of history,
Called to be light to the whole
human race.

Chorus 2

**Gather us in the rich and the haughty
Gather us in the proud and the strong,
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
Give us the courage to enter the song.**

GLORIA

Refrain:

**Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae
voluntatis.**

We praise you, we bless you,
We adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks
For your great glory,
Lord God, Heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father. **R**

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us,
You take away the sins of the world,
Receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand
of the Father,
Have mercy on us. **R**

For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God
the Father.

Refrain:

**Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Go out to all the world and tell the Good
News.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The word of the Lord lasts forever,
What is the Word that is living? It is
brought to us through his Son Jesus
Christ.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

GIFTS PROCESSION

WE REMEMBER

Refrain

**We remember how you loved us
to your death,
and still we celebrate,
for you are with us here;
and we believe that we will see you
when you come in your glory, Lord.
We remember we celebrate,
we believe.**

Now we recreate your love,
We bring the bread and wine
to share a meal.

Sign of grace and mercy,
The presence of the Lord **R**

Christ, the Father's great "Amen"
to all the hopes and dreams
of every heart,
Peace beyond all telling,
and freedom from all fear. **R**

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your
glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna
in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna,
in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your death, O Lord,
And profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

AMEN

Amen, Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world, grant us peace.

COMMUNION PROCESSION

GALILEE SONG

Deep within my heart I feel
Voices whispering to me
Words that I can't understand
Meanings I must clearly hear,
Calling me to follow close
Lest I leave myself behind!
Calling me to walk into, evening
shadows one more time!

Refrain

**So I leave boats behind!
Leave them on familiar shores!
Set my heart upon the deep!
Follow you again, my Lord!**

In my memories I know
how you send familiar rains;
Falling gently on my days
dancing patterns on my pain!
And I need to learn once more
In the fortress of my mind:
To believe in falling rain
As I travel deserts dry! **R**

COME AND EAT THIS BREAD

Refrain:

**Come and eat this bread,
come and drink this cup,
Come and share the feast
our God has spread.
You have promised us
You are here with us
In the breaking of the bread.**

This is the bread of life, for all to share,
bread of hope and redemption,
Bread to feed a world of hungers. **R**

This is the cup of Christ's own sacrifice,
Blood of love and compassion,
Blood to heal the world's divisions. **R**

Just as the scatter'd grains become
one bread,
Make us one in your Spirit,
all one Body in Christ Jesus. **R**

RECESSIONAL

A New Heart For A New World.

Refrain:

**Create a new heart, Holy Lord, beckon our
lives through your word,
Open our eyes to your call,
united as one for your world.
Heighten our minds to your thoughts,
heal us of pride and of hurt,
May we go forth in your name.
We pray our hearts change.**

The heart of the cross, lowly and poor,
calls us on.

Lord, it is you promising hope,
promising truth. **Refrain**

Restless, the hearts who yearn for your peace
in this land.

Deepen the dream. Justice brings life,
justice redeems. **Refrain**

**THE WORD OF THE LORD
FOR NEXT SUNDAY
Sirach 3:17-20.28-29
Hebrews 12:18-19.22-24
Luke 14:1. 7-14**

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